

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-2, 4-33, and 36 have been canceled and claims 38-62 are pending.

5 Applicant's amendments and remarks after Final are appropriate under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because they address the Office's remarks in the Final Action, and thus could not have been presented earlier. In addition, the amendments and remarks should be entered to place the case in better form for appeal.

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35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections

1st §103 rejection Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-11, 22-28, and 30-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 6,097,497 to McGraw (hereinafter, "McGraw") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,298 to Purcell et al. (hereinafter "Purcell") (*Office Action* p.2, ¶2).
15 Claims 1-2, 4-8, 10-11, 22-28, and 30-32 are canceled and Applicant requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

2nd §103 rejection Claims 12-14, 16-19, 21, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over McGraw in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,577,907 to Czyszczevski et al. (hereinafter, "Czyszczevski") (*Office Action* p.10, ¶19).
20 Claims 12-14, 16-19, 21, and 29 are canceled and Applicant requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

3rd §103 rejection Claims 9 and 33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over McGraw in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,925,889 to
25 Guillory et al. (hereinafter, "Guillory") (*Office Action* p.14, ¶29). Claims 9 and 33 are canceled and Applicant requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

4th §103 rejection Claim 15 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over McGraw in view of Czyszczewski and further in view of Purcell (*Office Action* p.15, ¶31). Claim 15 is canceled and Applicant requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

5 5th 103 rejection Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over McGraw in view of Czyszczewski and further in view of Guillory (*Office Action* p.16, ¶33). Claim 20 is canceled and Applicant requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

10 New Claims

New claims 38-62 are presented for examination. Applicant believes that claims 38-62 are allowable over the references of record, both individually and in combination, and that claims 38-62 are in condition for allowance.

15 Conclusion

Pending claims 38-62 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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